

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 remain present in this application.

The title, abstract, specification, and claim 1 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

It is noted that the present application claims priority of Taiwanese Appl. No. 090105923, filed on March 14, 2001, under 35 USC § 119. This priority claim is listed on the first page of the Declaration submitted concurrently with the filing of the present application on April 16, 2001. It is also note that a certified copy of the priority document was submitted on December 19, 2001.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge the claim for foreign priority and confirm receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

The title, abstract, and specification stand objected to for certain informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that these objections have been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the title, abstract, and specification are respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). It is noted that the Examiner has not specified which features of the claims are not shown in the drawings. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and the attached replacement sheets for Figs. 1-3, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been

addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by CHEN et al., U.S. Publication 2002/0153593. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is noted that the present application claims priority of Taiwanese Application No. 090105923, filed on March 14, 2001. This priority application has an earlier filing date than that of CHEN et al., which was filed on April 18, 2001. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the CHEN et al. reference does not qualify as prior art under 35 USC 102(e). A Letter submitting an English translation of Taiwanese Application No. 090105923 is attached hereto. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(e) rejection are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

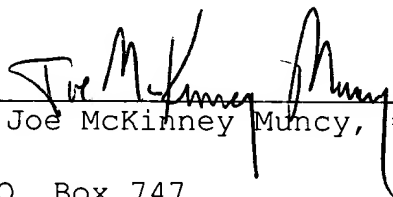
Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Abstract of the Disclosure
Replacement Drawing Sheets
English translation of the priority document

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